

COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Welzow Airfield

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [redacted]

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DATE OF CONTENT 24 May to 3 June 1953

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DATE PREPARED 13 July 1953

REFERENCES \_\_\_\_\_

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1. There was intensive air activity by jet bombers at Welzow airfield during the days before and after 24 May 1953.<sup>1</sup>
2. On 28 May, two radio installations with two masts each, one radio installation with four masts and two radar sets were located at and in the vicinity of the field.<sup>2</sup>
3. On 3 June, 21 Il-28 and Uil-28 planes were parked on the eastern taxiway and 2 canvas-covered twin-engine planes were observed on the southeastern edge of the field. A total of about 35 aircraft revetments existed at the field.<sup>1</sup>
4. The spur track to the field terminated southeast of the flight control station is a small woods where, according to a local resident, the fuel dump was located. A tank car was observed there.<sup>3</sup>
5. A construction site was observed west of the point where the spur track to the field branched off from the main line. At this site south of the Hoyerswerda-Petershain railroad line, there were stored construction materials three large concrete mixers which were in operation, a dredger which removed gravel out of a gravel pit, and several low brick buildings one of which was still under construction. The concrete was hauled on narrow-gauge field lorries toward the field.

1. [redacted] Comment. Welzow airfield is believed to be occupied by a bomber regiment and a target-tow unit. The latter unit arrived from Schoenwalde about 18 May 1953. [redacted] The two twin-engine planes observed by source [redacted] 3 possibly are Tu-2s of the target-tow unit. This assumption has not been confirmed.
2. [redacted] Comment. All radio installations at the field were reported previously. [redacted] Besides the installations mentioned, the field is probably equipped with a PKV-45 DF station, possibly in connection with the transfer of the target-tow unit.

3. [redacted] Comment. The fuel dump was reported previously.

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